

	Trauma Services	No. 4064
	Title: Radiology, Offsite Interpretation- Shared	Page: 1 of 1 Effective Date: 05/30/2023

**PURPOSE:**

To provide for timely off-site viewing and interpretation of trauma radiographic images.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Patient radiographic images may be accessed, interpreted, and reported by trauma sub-specialties while off site by viewing images through radiology viewing software.

**ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY (SCOPE):**

Neurosurgery, Wake Orthopedics, WakeMed General Surgery Raleigh, and Cary

**WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY:**

This policy shall be read by department supervisors, managers, directors, and administrators. Furthermore, any individual considering issuing, revising, assisting in the drafting of, or archiving a policy.

**PROCEDURES:**

- I. The consulted Trauma subspecialty will be made aware of patient condition and of pending or completed radiographic images.
- II. The consulted sub-specialty may view images electronically via remote system.
- III. Interpretations of images viewed using remote system will be reported to a member of the trauma team or emergency department physician by the sub-specialty on-call person.
- IV. Response time and recommendations of the subspecialty on-call person must be documented by a Trauma team member at the time of the consult.
- V. Bedside response will be based on sub-specialty response policy and/or request from Trauma Attending or trauma team.
- VI. Sub-specialty will dictate a note indicating that images were reviewed, and state recommendations made. Subspecialty will include time that service was rendered in their documentation.

**THIS POLICY IS CROSS REFERENCED IN:**

Neurosurgical Emergencies, Orthopedic Emergencies

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